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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CF, US

SUBJECT: NORMALIZATION OF US/CONGO RELATIONS

FOR AMBASSADORS

1. AMBASSADORS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS
THAT IN RESPONSE TO INITIATIVES FROM LATE CONGOLESE
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ON OUR BEHALF THAT ASST. SEC. SCHAUFEELE IS PREPARED,
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OBENGA FOR DISCUSSIONS TOWARD THIS END. OBENGA WILL BE
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RELATIONS DURING 1977. PRESIDENT CARTER'S RESPONSE VIA
GERMAN AMBASSADOR IN BRAZZAVILLE EXPRESSED HOPE
TWO COUNTRIES WOULD FIND WAYS TO MOVE TOWARD NORMALIZATION
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3. PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE REACHED CONGOLESE
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